

NO CHANGE IN FIREMAN STRIKE

Commissioner of Labor Is On His
Way to Offer Friendly Offices
for Settlement.

PASSENGER TRAINS MOVED

Railroad Does Not Receive
Freight Controversy Between
Engineers and Firemen.

HOUSTON, TEX., December 25.—Pending the arrival of Commissioner of Labor C. E. Neill, who is en route from Washington to this city, under instructions from Chairman Knapp, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, to offer his friendly offices in reaching a settlement between the Southern Pacific and its striking locomotive firemen and engineer members of the Firemen's Brotherhood, there have been no changes in the strike situation to-day.

Mr. Neill is expected to reach Houston Thursday, when he will offer his services to the contending parties.

Vice-President Thorwell Fay, of the Southern Pacific, Louisiana and Texas lines, authorized the following statement to the Associated Press, in connection with the strike:

All Passengers Moved.

"A large percentage of the firemen belonging to the Brotherhood departed work at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Since the strike occurred we have moved absolutely every passenger train on our lines. A number of them were run in several sections, and all practically made their schedules.

"Anticipating the possibility of adding to the congestion, which is general on all lines in this section, at this time, we gave notice to connecting lines that temporarily we would discontinue receiving freight from them in carload lots, and also discontinued the receipt of live-stock and perishables on our own lines.

"We have, however, been moving a large percentage of our freight trains, and preference to the movement of local freight so as to minimize the inconvenience to local communities. The situation is exceptionally favorable and hourly growing better.

"The trouble was caused entirely by the feeling and controversy between the two organizations running locomotives, and no question of wages, hours, or any individual grievance is at issue."

DANIELS AFTER ANOTHER RECORD

Will Attempt to Lower Fifty-
Yard Mark at N. Y. A. C. C.'s
Swimming Meet.

NEW YORK, December 25.—On January 12 the New York Athletic Club will hold its second set of indoor swimming races, the events to include a fifty-yard novice, a fifty-yard handicap and a water polo game between the New York Athletic Club champions and an all-star team.

Mr. Daniels will make an attempt to lower his record of 25.5 seconds in the fifty-yard event, and, as the novice event is at the same distance, an interesting comparison will be provided of the work of the senior competitors and those who have their first race to win. As several new swimmers are reported to be practicing for this event at Princeton, Yale and Pennsylvania, the feature of the coming set of races promises to be the novice race.

Champion Daniels may also take part in the 300-yard handicap, as there are several records easily within his reach on the way to the 200 at any time he chooses to go after them.

His Cigar Doesn't Taste Right.

And Yet It Is the Same He Was Smoking
With So Much Relish After
Dinner, Last Night. Out of the
Very Same Box, Too.

IT ISN'T THE SEGAR—IT'S THE
STOMACH.

Every smoker has experienced this peculiar condition of the stomach and liver, the result usually of imperfect digestion or food. And the blame is usually put on the cigar and not where it belongs.

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Make you well.

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drugs in it. Simply barley malt and hops.
Try it. Start to day.

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FEHR'S MALT TONIC DEPT., Louisville, Ky.

SAVED FROM FIRE BY HUMAN CHAIN

Brave Charles Bell Swung by
Companions to Rescue of Two
Hemmed in by Flames.

CHEERED BY VAST THROG

NEW YORK, December 25.—Cheered by thousands of Broadway shoppers, three men yesterday afternoon made a thrilling rescue of two workmen who stood helplessly on a fourth story fire escape surrounded by smoke and flames. The fire was in the four-story manufacturing building at No. 4 West Eleventh Street, and the rescue was made by three employees in the nine-story building adjoining to the west.

Caused, it is believed, by an explosion, the fire spread quickly through the entire building, driving employees through all the exits. Even before an alarm was sent out smoke and flames were pouring from all the windows and the street was jammed with shoppers who had just left Broadway stores.

Just as the first plang of the approaching engines was heard two men appeared on the fire escape on the fourth floor. They were fringed and the crowd shouted to them to wait. They waved their arms and appealed to the helpless crowd for aid.

With "Abe" Goldberg and "Sam" Ostrow holding him by the back of his neck, Charles Bell swung his body over the side of the building, and fell to the ground. One of them did so, whereupon Goldberg and Ostrow leaped both Bell and the rescued man to safety. The crowd in the street was thrilled at the daring of the youthful life-saver, and cheered wildly as he swung himself out a second time and by heroic effort and great personal peril seized the second man. Again the two men in the adjoining building hauled in the rescuer and rescued, and the crowd shouted its approval.

The two men who had been so near death escaped without giving their names. Other scenes not quite so thrilling had interested the crowd meanwhile. Police-men and firemen, hearing that many persons were hemmed in the building, rushed to the roof of structures adjoining and lowered themselves to the roof of the burning building. Pursuing their search they appeared frequently on fire escapes or at windows framed with flames and smoke. Several persons were helped from the basement, in which there was a restaurant, and a few were guided from the rear of the top floor to a building in the rear.

RUNAWAY MATCH.

Virginia Girl Eludes Relatives
and Weds Telephone Man.

KNOXVILLE, TENN., December 24.—Miss Nora B. Hill, daughter of Hon. W. G. Hill, representative of Wayne county, Va., in the State Legislature, a prominent Republican politician in the State, was married here this afternoon to Jos. E. McLaure, a young man of Montgomery, Ala., who holds a position with a telephone company.

Miss Hill and her brother, who is several years her senior, have been attending the Knoxville Business College, where she met McLaure a month since, and since which time he has been an ardent admirer. Her parents' command that she not marry McLaure, and her brother tried to interfere, but they escaped him this afternoon and hurried away. The mother arrived too late to interfere. The young lady is now at Crockett's Depot, Va.

Richmonders in New York.

NEW YORK, December 25.—The following Richmond people were registered at the New York hotels to-day: Ashland, C. L. Lane and wife; Imperial, J. B. Bryan.

**BOWKER BACKS UP
ON ATTELL FIGHT**

Declines Fat Offer From Los
Angeles and Is Going to
Australia.

NEW YORK, December 25.—Jim Bowker, the featherweight champion of England, is not coming to this country to fight Abe Attell, despite the fact that Manager Tom McCarthy, of the Pacific Athletic Club of Los Angeles, has offered him \$1,000 for traveling expenses and a guarantee that his share of the purse would easily exceed \$250.

Bowker is evidently afraid of Attell, as he has made arrangements to go to Australia and fight the little man of that country. McCarthy is now seeking another opponent for Attell.

Charles St. Clair has emphatically denied the report that he was knocked out by Buller Burke in a six-round private fight held at Roton Grove, on the Sound, Thursday night.

He declares that Burke has yet to dispose of him in six rounds, and that he spent Thursday night with some friends in Brooklyn. St. Clair believes Burke's opponent was a "ringer" who had assumed his name for the occasion.

CONDITIONS IN CONGO HORRIBLE

Letter Addressed by Pierpont
Morgan and Others to Root
Tells Awful Story.

THE NATIVES ARE PRISONERS

NEW YORK, December 25.—A letter signed by J. Pierpont Morgan, Dr. Lyman Abbott and other prominent citizens of New York was addressed to Secretary of State Elihu Root to-day, directing his attention to conditions in the Congo Free State, where it is asserted "flagrant inhumanity exists" and urging him, on behalf of the American people, to use the moral support of the United States government to correct the abuses the Congo natives are alleged to be suffering from.

The communication follows:

"Over a year has passed since the report of the commission chosen by the Chief Executive and virtual owner of the Congo to investigate conditions in that State was published. In spite of their natural desire to give all possible credit to their sovereign, the commissioners felt constrained to report the existence of measures and practices of flagrant inhumanity. Among these measures and practices are the following:

Conditions.

"First—The exaction of a labor tax so oppressive that many laborers on whom it falls have little, if any, freedom.

"Second—Appropriation of land to such an extent that the natives are practically prisoners within their own territory.

"Third—The employment under the authority of the government as sentries of cruel, brutish blacks, chosen from hostile tribes, who murder, pillage and rape the people for whose protection the government is avowedly established.

"Fourth—The abuse of the natives by white representatives of officially recognized companies.

"Fifth—The binding of little children to years of labor at uncertain wages by contracts they do not understand, and even more serious making the children supposed under the immediate care of the government.

"Sixth—Great injustice in the administration of the courts, so that the natives dread the name of a judge, the place where the judicial system is centralized.

"Seventh—The sending out of native expeditions, not for the purpose of establishing peace and order, but for the purpose of terrifying the natives into paying taxes, which, as administered, even the commissioners regard as inhuman.

No Remedy.

"It is to be remembered that these are not charges brought against the Congo government, but findings of the commission appointed by the Chief Executive of the government to investigate and report on the facts. Acting upon these findings, a second commission, also appointed by the King, has recommended measures of reform. No steps have been taken to adopt them. There is no evidence that the Congo government is undertaking seriously to remedy these evils. The powers which created the Congo government have clearly a right to call that government to account, inasmuch as the United States gave its moral support to the establishment of the Congo government, it is justified in giving its moral support to any undertaking to secure conditions in the Congo that will not degrade civilization. We wish to assure you that for any measure you may adopt in order to give the powers such moral support of the United States you will have our hearty and urgent approval."

The letter is signed by the Rev. Messrs. Lyman Abbott, Henry Mottet, Wilford L. Robbins, George William Knox, Cass H. Parkhurst, John P. Peters, William R. Richards, Anson P. Atterbury, P. W. S. Grant and Messrs. William Jay Scherfflin, William H. Douglas, Charles A. Schieren, Spencer Trask, George Haven Patman, Everett P. Wheeler, Robert C. Ogden, J. Pierpont Morgan, D. Willis James, R. Fulton Cutting, J. Cleveland Cady and W. J. Havemeyer.

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DANVILLE, VA., December 25.—Miss Sallie Ann Miller died at the home of her brother-in-law, E. G. Mosely, after a protracted illness. She was sixty-two years of age, and has lived here for thirty years. Her husband, W. H. Miller, of Charlotte Courthouse, and a sister, Miss Nora Mosely, of this city, survive her.

DEATHS.

ROACHE.—Died, at his residence on Church Hill, last night, WILLIAM J. ROACHE. Funeral TO-DAY (Wednesday) at 2 P. M., Shockoe Hill Cemetery.

SCHUL.—Died, at the home of his parents, No. 238 East Marshall Street, yesterday, WILLIAM P. SCHUL. In the twenty-fifth year of his age. The funeral will take place THIS (Wednesday) MORNING at 10 o'clock from St. Patrick's Church.

DIED SUDDENLY CHRISTMAS EVE

Mrs. Pelouze Had Arranged
Family Reunion in Celebration
of Holidays.

FRIENDS DEEPLY GRIEVED

Came to Richmond Forty Years
Ago and Was Very Well
Known Here.

The death of Mrs. E. J. Pelouze, widow of Mr. H. L. Pelouze, which occurred on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, came as a shock to her many friends, to whom she had been endeared by long years of association. Her illness, which was of short duration, came unexpectedly to her family, for whom she had made all preparation for a Christmas reunion, and who have now been plunged in deep sorrow by her sudden demise.

Born in New York City, she came to Richmond about forty years ago. Taking a deep interest in many of the charitable enterprises of the city, she had been active and industrious in promoting the welfare of those to whom she had devoted many pleasant hours of her life.

To her grandchildren she was a source of never-failing delight and devotion, and to them the loss of "granma" will take away many hours of happiness and tender remembrance of their comfort and pleasure. The family consists of Mr. Frank H. Pelouze, the eldest son, long a resident of Washington; Mrs. E. J. Pelouze, Mr. E. Craig Pelouze and Miss Jennie L. Pelouze. The funeral services will take place from her late residence, No. 730 East Marshall Street, at 2 o'clock this afternoon, and will be conducted by Rev. Dr. William E. Beams, assisted by Rev. John H. Dickinson.

BRING JOYS OF HOLIDAY TO CHILDREN OF THE POOR

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

DANVILLE, VA., December 25.—The annual Christmas celebration of the Danville Lodge of Elks for the poor children of the city was held this afternoon. Over a thousand children, who otherwise would probably not have known of Santa Claus, were made happy and given toys and candies.

Her Bloomers Split Churched.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., December 25.—The Presbytery of Indianapolis to-day considered the pastoral relations of the Rev. A. W. Sonne with the First Presbyterian Church of Green Castle should be severed.

A large number of the congregation had asked him to resign a small majority wanted him to continue.

The trouble began some time ago when the pastor and his wife called at the home of Deacon Cammack and were greeted at the door by Mrs. Cammack, dressed in blue.

While working with her flowers it is Mrs. Cammack's custom to wear bloomers as a matter of convenience, but Mr. Sonne was shocked and disapproved her.

Mrs. Cammack and her husband resented the pastor's reproach, others took sides and a congregation meeting followed. On a vote the congregation by a majority of two decided in Sonne's favor. The matter was brought to the Presbytery on appeal.

Petersburg Items.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

PETERSBURG, VA., December 25.—Joseph Cross, who was fined twenty dollars in the Mayor's Court this morning for being drunk on the street Sunday, made an attempt to break out of the station house by pulling down a heavy gas jet and using it on the window bars. Cross was locked up for thirty days in default of payment of fine.

A line of one hundred dollars was imposed on George Day (colored) for carrying a loaded pistol.

Dr. Herbert Claiborne, of New York is in the city spending Christmas with relatives.

Mr. E. P. Goodwyn, formerly of Petersburg, is visiting friends here.

Successful Negro Dies.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

DANVILLE, VA., December 25.—Alexander Epps, probably the most successful and best-known negro in this section, died to-day. Epps for years has been magistrate of Albemarle, a negro suburb, and was practically the ruler of that community. He was highly thought of by both races.

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mond Transfer, Richmond. Tour ends Jan-
uary 25th. FRANK C. CLARK, 98
Broadway, New York.

CAPTURE DISTILLERY; MEN IN CHARGE FLEE

Paraphernalia for the Manufacture
of "Mountain Dew" to Clint-
wood for Mutilation.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

OSWEGO, N. Y., December 25.—Deputy Marshal M. P. O'Leary and Collector of Internal Revenue John Cairns captured an illicit distillery near this place, which they carried to the purpose of "mountain dew."

Two or three men were in charge of the still when the officers made their way to it in the darkness of the night. The men had fled, and the officers made their way to it in the darkness of the night.

"Wine" of them they find it is said the moonshiners have about one hundred and fifty gallons of "mountain dew" stored away for their holiday trade. This stuff is peddled about over the country, mostly at the public houses. If the officers can have a "good run" in one off about pay day at these works they say they can make the "dink."

SALVATION ARMY DINNER: POOR CHILDREN MADE HAPPY

LYNCHBURG, VA., December 25.—Christmas passed off quietly to-day, the people generally giving themselves over to social calls and family reunions.

There was almost an absolute cessation of business and the police report the most orderly Christmas on record.

This afternoon all of the news boys and telegraph messengers of the city were given dinner by the Child-Care Company, and at night 200 poor children were the guests of the Salvation Army at a Christmas treat.

EVERYBODY TESTIFIES

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